

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-5 were pending and all of the claims were rejected in the present Office action. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections on the basis that a *prima facie* case of anticipation has not been made out.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1 and 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kamihara et al. (US 6,732,205; "Kamihara"). Claim 1 has been amended in a non-substantive way so as to achieve parallelism in expression with respect to the description of the source of the transmission approval command.

Amended claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, that the control unit is operable to transfer the data stored in the second buffer memory that stores data outputted from the peripheral device to the first buffer memory after receiving the transmission approval command from the host.

As characterized by the Examiner, FIG. 4 of the reference teaches a control unit operable to generate a resume signal (DSTRB) that is output from the "peripheral" to the host. The other signal output from the "peripheral" (as the term is used by the Examiner) is the DOUT signal. The only other connection between the host and the "peripheral" is the CLK2 signal which is described as a continuous clock signal at 60MHz, and does not appear to be the "transmission approval command" that the Examiner contends is transferred from the host to the "peripheral" device (Office action, page 3, lines 3-4).

Further, the Examiner characterizes element 12 as a second buffer memory that stores data outputted from the peripheral device. The second buffer element 12 is the elasticity buffer shown in FIG. 4, and receives data input DIN from an external device, which is presumably the actual peripheral device of the reference, and is not shown in FIG. 4. As such, FIG. 4 does not show that a transmission approval signal command is transferred to the peripheral device as asserted in the Office action at page 3, lines 4-5.

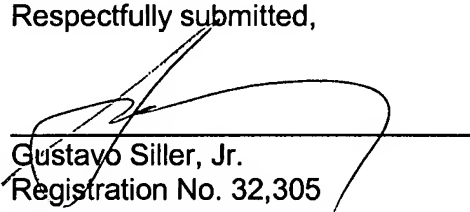
For at least these reasons, the reference does not teach all of the elements and limitations of the present Claim 1, and the claim is therefore not anticipated, and is allowable.

Claims 3-5 are claims dependent on an allowable base claim and are allowable, without more.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek an early allowance thereof. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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